

# Maryland Clean Marinas UNDERWAY

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## Annual Awards Ceremony and National Marina Day Coming in August!



This August, the annual Maryland Clean Marina Award Ceremony will be held to recognize operators of the Clean Marinas certified during the past twelve months. At least six marina operators will be presented with Governor's Citations, will enjoy lunch, and have an opportunity to meet their State representatives. An optional tour of the host facility will follow.

This year's host is the Atlantic Marina Resort (AMR) in Pasadena. The facility, recently under new management, was certified as a Clean Marina in December 2005. AMR is a mix of wet slips and dry stack storage, along with a fuel dock, repair yard, and picnic area with beach. AMR's owners and staff have worked hard to rebuild following Tropical Storm Isabel and the facility is now in good repair.

Held in conjunction with "National Marina Day," the event will also highlight the importance of marinas and boatyards to the citizens and economy of Maryland. State Senators and Delegates from the Clean Marinas' districts will be invited to attend, and special Governor's Citations will be presented

to the honorees. As always, the event will be held with the support and participation of the Marine Trades Association of Maryland and the press will be invited.

All marinas and boatyards are encouraged to participate in National Marina Day, designated by the Association of Marina Industries. The goal of National Marina Day is the education

of politicians, civic leaders and the public about the important role the marina industry plays in cities and towns across the nation as family-friendly gateways to boating and stewards of the environment.

This goal is achieved through the promotion of nationwide marina focused events with local flavor that educate politicians, civic leaders, and the public about the value of the marina

industry to cities and towns across America. To learn more about the event visit <http://www.marinaassociation.org/>. 🌐



*Award recipients from the 2005 Award Ceremony along with their State Representatives, AA County Executive Janet Owens, and DNR Secretary Ron Franks. The 2005 ceremony was held at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis.*

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# De-Certification Policy Adopted by Maryland Clean Marina Initiative

After seven years of successful certifications of over 110 Clean Marinas and Clean Marina Partners (smaller facilities such as community docks or boat ramps), the Maryland Clean Marina Program has developed a policy to “de-certify” facilities in the event they are no longer able to meet and maintain Award criteria. Existing program policy states that to remain a certified Clean Marina, facilities must sign an “Affirmation of Good Standing” on the first two anniversaries of their certification. At least every three years, Clean Marinas are re-certified through a site inspection by program staff.



Re-inspections are an opportunity to review any changes in regulations with marina managers and to ensure the high standards of the Award Checklist continue to be met on the ground. Additionally, the re-certifications keep Clean Marina Program staff abreast of changes in industry practices, and staff changes at Clean Marinas.

In rare cases however, marinas or boatyards may become unable or unwilling to meet and maintain the Award standards after their initial certification. This may be due to changes in ownership/management or major damage from natural, or other, disasters for example.

The new policy, developed with the advisory Clean Marina Committee (comprised of marina and boatyard operators, government agencies, Marine Trades Association of Maryland, and Boat U.S. Foundation for Clean Water) was adopted in April 2006.

Re-inspections of Clean Marinas by program staff are conducted with the marina operator or manager and routinely include verbal explanation of any deficiencies on site, as well as written recommendations to rectify them. If, at any time, a site inspection reveals the facility no longer meets Clean Marina criteria, and the marina operator is unresponsive to recommendations, the following process will be undertaken. Clean Marinas who fall short of Award criteria upon a re-certification visit are given every opportunity to meet them prior to this policy coming into effect.

1. Following a site inspection with the marina operator or staff, including verbal recommendations, written notification will be sent to the marina operator indicating the facility does not meet Award Criteria, including a copy of a completed Checklist noting deficiencies. This notification will include a deadline (typically 60 days) to make necessary changes to meet minimum Award Criteria and schedule a re-inspection. The marina operator will be instructed to contact the Program coordinator within two weeks of receipt of the notification letter to confirm his or her intention regarding the notification.
2. If neither deadline is met, a formal ‘Notice of De-Certification’ will be sent to the marina operator notifying him or her that the facility has been de-certified from the Program and the marina’s name will be removed from DNR’s publications, exhibits, and website. The Notice will state the marina no longer has permission to use the Clean Marina logo in their advertising or elsewhere nor to display a Clean Marina flag, burgee, Award, or sign. DNR staff may reclaim these items.
3. The decision to de-certify a Maryland Clean Marina is subject to reconsideration at the sole discretion of the Clean Marina Program (comprised of Program Coordinator and Committee members). A marine facility under the same ownership and/or management may apply to be re-certified if, in the opinion of the CM Program, the operator displays a renewed commitment or ability to meet and maintain Award criteria. A marine facility that has been de-certified may apply for the Award at any time if under new ownership and/or management. This policy is subject to change by the Clean Marina Program as necessary.

This policy was adopted to ensure that the Maryland Clean Marina Award continues to denote facilities truly committed to environmental protection and excellence in their operations and will be used only for operators which are unable or unwilling to meet and maintain Award criteria. Having a de-certification policy will protect the integrity of the Maryland Clean Marina Award, for Clean Marinas, and for boaters who patronize them. ❄





L-R Wayne Cusimano, Marina Manager, and Bob Iman, Park Manager, receive their Clean Marina Award.

## A New Certified Clean Marina!

Dundee Creek Marina at Gunpowder Falls State Park (Baltimore County) recently became the 93rd Certified Maryland Clean Marina. The certification brings the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) one step closer to its goal of certifying 100 percent of its boating facilities as Clean Marinas or Clean Marina Partners. (Partners are much smaller boating facilities such as boat ramps or community piers.) DNR expects to meet this goal during summer 2006.

To earn the certification, the Park and marina managers worked together with a professional engineer to prepare a required spill prevention and response plan. Additionally, they improved plans for seasonal staff training, clearly labeled their spill response equipment, and improved educational outreach to their slip holders. All these elements are important to a well run and clean marina.

Dundee Creek Marina is a gem among Maryland Park facilities. In addition to renting slips, the marina has a launching ramp, a fuel dock, a small ship's store, and has motorized boats available to the public for

rent. To learn more about the amenities of both the marina and Gunpowder Falls State Park call (410)592-2897 or visit [www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/central/gunpowder.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/central/gunpowder.html). ❄

## 93 Certified Clean Marinas, Boatyards and Yacht Clubs!

ADVANCED MARINA, OCEAN CITY  
ANCHORAGE MARINA, BALTIMORE  
ANCHOR BAY EAST MARINA, DUNDALK  
ATLANTIC MARINA RESORT, PASADENA  
BAHIA MARINA, OCEAN CITY  
BALTIMORE YACHT CLUB, ESSEX  
BAY BOAT WORKS, NORTH EAST  
BAY BRIDGE MARINA, STEVENSVILLE  
BAY RIDGE CIVIC ASSN. MARINA, ANNAPOLIS  
BERT JABIN'S BOAT YARD, ANNAPOLIS  
BODKIN YACHT CLUB, PASADENA  
BOWLEY'S MARINA, MIDDLE RIVER  
CAMPBELL'S BACHELOR POINT, OXFORD  
CAMPBELL'S TOWN CREEK MARINA, OXFORD  
CASA RIO MARINA, MAYO  
CASTLE HARBOR MARINA, CHESTER  
CHALK POINT MARINE, WEST RIVER  
CHESAPEAKE HARBOR MARINA, ANNAPOLIS  
CHESAPEAKE YACHTING CENTER, ESSEX  
COLTONS POINT MARINA, COLTONS POINT  
CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB, RIDGE  
CUTTER MARINE SERVICES, ESSEX  
DUFFY CREEK MARINA, GEORGETOWN  
DUNDEE CREEK MARINA, KINGSVILLE  
EASTPORT YACHT CLUB, ANNAPOLIS  
FAIRVIEW MARINA, PASADENA  
FERRY POINT MARINA & YACHT YARD, ARNOLD  
FISHING CREEK LANDINGS MARINA, CHES. BEACH  
FLAG HARBOR YACHT HAVEN, ST. LEONARD  
FORT WASHINGTON MARINA, FORT WASHINGTON  
GATEWAY MARINA, TRAPPE  
GRATITUDE MARINA, ROCK HALL  
HARBOR VIEW MARINA, BALTIMORE  
HARTGE'S YACHT YARD, GALESVILLE  
HAVEN HARBOR MARINA, ROCK HALL  
HERRINGTON HARBOR NORTH, TRACYS LANDING  
HERRINGTON HARBOR SOUTH, FRIENDSHIP  
HINCKLEY YACHT SERVICES, OXFORD

KENT ISLAND YACHT CLUB, CHESTER  
KNAPPS NARROWS MARINA, TILGHMAN IS.  
LIPPINCOTT MARINE, GRASONVILLE  
LITTLE ISLAND MARINA, EDGEWATER  
LOCUST POINT MARINA, ELKTON  
LONG POINT MARINA, EARLVILLE  
MAGOTHY MARINA, SEVERNA PARK  
MARYLAND MARINA, MIDDLE RIVER  
MARYLAND YACHT CLUB, PASADENA  
MEARS GREAT OAK LANDING, CHESTERTOWN  
MEARS MARINA, ANNAPOLIS  
MEARS POINT MARINA, GRASONVILLE  
MEARS YACHT HAVEN, OXFORD  
MILES RIVER YACHT CLUB, ST. MICHAELS  
OAK GROVE MARINE CENTER, EDGEWATER  
OAK HARBOR MARINA, PASADENA  
OCEAN CITY FISHING CENTER, O.C.  
OCEAN PINES MARINA, BERLIN  
OSPREY POINT MARINA, ROCK HALL  
PARKSIDE MARINA, MIDDLE RIVER  
PINEY NARROWS YACHT HAVEN, CHESTER  
POCOMOKE RIVER STATE PARK, SNOW HILL  
POINT LOOKOUT MARINA, RIDGE  
POINT PATIENCE MARINA, SOLOMONS  
PORT ANNAPOLIS MARINA, ANNAPOLIS  
PORTER'S SENECA MARINA, MIDDLE RIVER  
RHODE RIVER MARINA, EDGEWATER  
ROCKHOLD CREEK MARINA, DEALE  
SAEFERN SADDLE & YACHT CLUB, ANNAPOLIS  
THE SAILING EMPORIUM, ROCK HALL  
SANDY POINT STATE PARK, ANNAPOLIS  
SELBY BAY YACHT BASIN, EDGEWATER  
SHELTER COVE MARINA, NORTH EAST  
SHIPWRIGHT HARBOR, DEALE  
SKIPJACK COVE, GEORGETOWN  
SKIPJACK LANDING, CHESTER  
SOLOMONS YACHTING CENTER, SOLOMONS  
SOMERS COVE MARINA, CRISFIELD

SPRING COVE MARINA, SOLOMONS  
SPRING COVE MARINA, ROCK HALL  
ST. MICHAELS MARINA, ST. MICHAELS  
SUNSET MARINA, OCEAN CITY  
SWEDEN POINT MARINA, MARBURY  
TAYLOR'S MARINA, ELKTON  
TIDEWATER MARINA, HAVRE DE GRACE  
TOWN POINT MARINA, TRACY'S LANDING  
VENTNOR MARINE, PASADENA  
WASHBURN'S BOATYARD, SOLOMONS  
WEAVER'S MARINE SERVICES, ESSEX  
WEST SHORE YACHT CENTER/ECKHARDT'S MARINE, ESSEX  
WHARF AT HANDY'S POINT, WORTON  
WHITEHALL YACHT YARD, ANNAPOLIS  
WORTON CREEK MARINA, CHESTERTOWN  
YOUNG'S BOAT YARD, EDMERE  
ZAHNISR'S YACHTING CENTER, SOLOMONS

## 19 Clean Marina Partners

ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MARINA, ANNAPOLIS  
ASSATEAGUE STATE PARK BOAT RAMP, BERLIN  
CHESAPEAKE BAY MARITIME MUSEUM, ST. MICHAELS  
CUNNINGHAM FALLS STATE PARK, THURMONT  
DEEP CREEK LAKE REC. AREA, SWANTON  
FT. FREDERICK STATE PARK, BIG POOL  
GREENBRIER STATE PARK BOAT RAMP, BOONSBORO  
GREEN RIDGE STATE FOREST, CUMBERLAND  
HERRINGTON MANOR STATE PARK, OAKLAND  
JANES ISLAND STATE PARK BOAT RAMP, CRISFIELD  
JENNINGS-RANDOLPH LAKE BOAT RAMP, OAKLAND  
MARTINAK STATE PARK BOAT RAMP, QUEEN ANNE  
NEW GERMANY STATE PARK, GRANTSVILLE  
QUEENSTOWN HARBOR COMM. PIER, QUEENSTOWN  
ROCKY GAP STATE PARK, FLINTSTONE  
ROGUES HARBOR/ELK NECK STATE PARK, NORTH EAST  
SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK, HAVRE DE GRACE  
TUCKAHOE STATE PARK BOAT RAMP, QUEEN ANNE  
TWIN HARBORS COMMUNITY PIER, ARNOLD



## Atlantic Marina Resort Receives Clean Marina Award



As reported in the Spring 2006 issue of *Clean Marinas Underway*, Atlantic Marina Resort (formerly Pasadena Boatel) earned the Maryland Clean Marina Award in late 2005.

At left, new manager Andy Dowell proudly displays his Award certificate on the grounds of the marina, overlooking the Patapsco River. Apologies to the staff and owners of Atlantic Marina Resort for the delay in publishing this photo. ❄

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